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A second man with ALVAREZ was HAROLD VALDEZOS, an attorney, 6141 Karen Cir., Fort Worth; described, male, age 40-45, 5' 6", 135-140 lbs.

The third man with ALVAREZ was M.B. BARAGHAS, Chairman of American G.I. Forum, with residence 2913 Townsend Dr., Fort Worth. He is described as Mexican male, age about 50, wears glasses, has round face, 5' 8", and 170 lbs.

Mr. BILOTTA stated that he has no information to reflect that any of the foregoing or JESSE ALVAREZ is actually a Communist. He advised that they resented attempts of ALVAREZ to embarrass Mr. SHANNON. Mr. BILOTTA stated that it is believed that this matter has straightened itself out, and that nothing further has taken place.

Mr. BILOTTA described JESSE ALVAREZ, as follows:

Sex: Male  
Race: Mexican (Latin American)  
Age: About 28  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 180 lbs.  
Complexion: Olive  
Marital Status: Married  
Education: Well educated  
Residence: Somewhere on Southside of Fort Worth.

On March 29, 1960, Dallas Confidential Informants DL-16-S and DL-20-S, who are familiar with some CP activities at Fort Worth, and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that they are acquainted with JESSE ALVAREZ by reputation, and that they have never heard of his being a member of the CP at Fort Worth. They also advised that MANUEL JARA, HAROLD VALDEZOS, and M.B. BARAGHAS are unknown to these informants, who had never heard their names mentioned in connection with CP membership or CP activities at Fort Worth.

Inasmuch as it does not appear that JESSE ALVAREZ, and other mentioned in preceding paragraph are members of the CP, no further inquiries are contemplated in this matter which is considered closed.

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